

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee ; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the potential failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, bringing the dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee up to current levee protection safety standards requires expedited Congressional appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners support the request made by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism.

Section 2: The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective on the date written below.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of May, A.D., 2007.

Mayor Mario DiGennaro	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner George Neugent	<u>Yes</u>

(SEAL)

Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *[Signature]*
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date 5/24/07